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Application No.: 10/812,987)	Examiner: ZARABIAN, AMIR
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)	
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)	
THE SAME)	

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Sir:

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Application No. 10-008009, priority of which is claimed by U.S. Patent No. 6,294,481 and U.S. Patent No. 6,383,856, which were previously cited in an IDS filed on March 31, 2004.

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